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REMARKS

On November 17, 2000 and November 6, 2001 the Applicants filed Information Disclosure Statements. However, the Examiner has not returned initialed copies of the PTO-1449 Forms. Accordingly, the Applicants request the Examiner initial and return a copy of the attached PTO-1449 Forms to indicate that the documents have been considered.

The Applicants request reconsideration of the rejection.

Claims 1, 4, and 8-11 are pending.

Claims 1-4 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Haines et al U.S. Patent No. 6,496,313 (Haines), and also as being anticipated by Kodama, JP 07-320418 ("Yasumasa"). Haines, however, is believed not to be prior art to the present invention as evidenced by the Japanese priority date (May 22, 2000) claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119. Moreover, Haines and Yasumasa are each distinguished from the claims below.

While the present invention is directed to the management of a reproduction error in which the host system is informed of the reproduction error in a serial manner, both Haines and Yasumasa are seen to report error information in parallel. Thus, the invention as now claimed patentably defines over both Haines and Yasumasa.

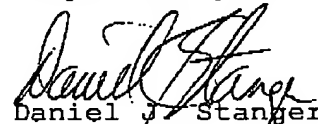
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The difference is relevant in that the delivery and processing of parallel error information, by a system such as the RAID system taught by Yasumasa, is relatively expensive due to the error correction performed. However, the present invention does not aim to recover the erroneous data, but instead simply to send the data, remains of the data, and error information in a serial manner. Thus, there is no delay corresponding to the performance of error correction and parallel delivery of the data.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, Applicants request reconsideration of the rejection and allowance of the claims.

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